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Tenkiller Ferry Lake Gets Auxilliary Spillway

Peggy Massey

The John Henry drill is seen in the middle of the photograph drilling the keyway for the right abutment for the new structure at Tenkiller Dam. Workers in the foreground are shooting

elevation grades in preparation for a production blast which will remove the rock burden to a bottom elevation of 623 feet above mean sea level.

Peggy Massey, Public Affairs Office
Dan Bentley, Tenkiller Project Office

Lake Tenkiller is back on the front burner as construction begins to add an additional spillway and five new tainter gates, increasing the dam's discharge capacity from 85 percent of the Probable Maximum Flood to 100 percent.

One of the jewels in Oklahoma's crown of beautiful lakes, Tenkiller's construction history began in June 1947 and, since its completion in July 1953 when it was placed in flood control operation, the dam has not had any major construction work.

Standing the test of decades of use, it remains safe and sturdy with very few signs of wear, according to the experts. But technological data, unavailable in 1947, indicates that the existing spillway and other associated outlet works are inadequate to pass the Probable Maximum Flood from rains which might fall in the project's 1,610 square miles of drainage area above the dam site. The additional spillway and tainter gates will eliminate this problem. Each gate will be approximately 35 feet tall and 50 feet wide. The bottom of the new gates will sit

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Commander's Column



Col. Leonardo Flor
District Engineer

Reflections

Over the past quarter, I have had the opportunity to visit with employees from Fall River, Marion, Canton, and Waurika. I also looked at projects and spoke to our customers at Fort Sill and Tinker Air Force Base. In all cases, I saw first hand the high quality of the folks we have out in the field and the tremendous effort they put into their jobs. Combined with the outstanding technical and administrative support from the Tulsa office, we are delighting our customers. What follows are examples of the feedback I've received from them.

David Sauls, Scoutmaster Troop 251, from Woodward, Okla., sent a letter and certificates of commendation for **Ray Kunka, Don Underwood, Mark Cazier, and the staff at Fort Supply** for their assistance in a Boys Scout Camporee with 208 boys in attendance.

Wayne Sims, administrator of Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs, commended **Lt. Col. Michael Norton, John Wagner, John Sparlin, David Harder, and Bernd Koerber** for their technical assistance in a training session with HUD and Native American Tribes. He stated, "We look forward to working with the Corps of Engineers in the future and hope the close working relationship developed between our two agencies will continue. The sharing of knowledge and expertise inherent to each of our agencies can only serve to help us both in achieving the goals, objectives, and initiatives of all our clients and customers."

Jeff Pennington, a biologist with the Okla. Department of Wildlife Conservation, wrote to express thanks to **Earl Groves, Jeff London, and district hydrologists**. "I realize that there are numerous issues that are taken into account by district personnel on water levels, many of which are of high priority. These men did an excellent job of taking the difficult situation that mother nature presented them... and making a good year out of one that could have easily been extremely poor."

Albert Ashwood, state director, Department of Civil Emergency Management, sent a letter expressing his appreciation for **Tom Logsdon's** participation in a FEMA Debris Management Course and for his willingness to share his vast knowledge of debris removal and disposal operations following a disaster.

Col. Wright and Mr. Hergenrather of Fort Sill expressed their appreciation for the outstanding support they have received from the district. The support they get is the product of scores of individuals who form the Fort Sill project delivery team. Let me single out four team members who have recently made an impact on Fort Sill: **Burl Ragland, Rick West, Dave Jones, Kent Schroeder, and Sandi Egan**.



The Spotlight

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A special thanks goes to **Helen Williams** for her outstanding efforts in organizing our recent blood drive. Tammy Payton from the American Red Cross stated, "...45 donors presented to give blood and help make miracles happen. There were two donors who were donating for the first time. Your drive yielded a total of 40 productive units, which will help save up to 120 lives. For those 120 people in need, there will be a true understanding of 'millennium miracles.'"

On Feb. 11, Brig. Gen. Arnold presented awards to **Steve McCarn, Ed West, Kris Graves, and Tom Elsemore**. At this ceremony, **Billy Banks** received a Superior Civilian Service Award and **John Sparlin** the Bronze deFleury Medal. Gen. Arnold gave his "State of the Division" in which he clearly underscored the success of the Tulsa Team in FY99. **A special thanks goes to the many employees who made this event successful.**

Thanks to **Pete Navesky** for coordinating our participation in the 2000 Tulsa Regional Science Fair. **Lt. Col. Bob**

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Teaming Up on the River



Immediate results from the improvement were evident.

By Todd Carr, Park Ranger

Employees from the McClellan-Kerr Lake Office, Tenkiller Lake Office, and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation recently teamed up to try to improve the quality of the fishery along the lower Illinois River.

Efforts consisted of hauling in large boulders and placing several together at different locations in the streambed. This procedure will provide trout, stripers, and other inhabitants of the river a

place of refuge from the frequent swift currents that are generated by releases from Tenkiller dam and powerhouse. In addition to the large rocks, large root balls from trees were also added to the streambed. This will provide habitat and cover and create a healthier aquatic environment. The root balls were anchored into the streambed by cable and post. Past experience shows that this method will withstand strong currents generated by upstream releases. Shoreline erosion was also targeted at critical locations on the river. Large rocks were placed to help stabilize the bank from further erosion.

The results were almost immediate, the large rocks created eddies and slack water downstream from their locations. That afternoon, upon return to inspect the area, a fisherman was noted standing waist deep in the stream with a fly rod in hand. He reported he had observed trout breaking water all around the large rock piles and had even managed to catch a nice rainbow trout. The fisherman was very complimentary and grateful for the efforts to improve the fishery along the lower Illinois River.

Combined efforts from the people involved show that teamwork makes a difference.



Boulders were added to the lower Illinois River to improve the quality of the fishery.



Life Savers Honored

Col. Flor presented Life Saving Awards to (from top) Marion Reservoir Lake Manager Terry Holt, and Maintenance Workers Francis Jirak and Michael Knak at John Redmond Project Office on Jan. 18. The three were honored for their efforts in saving Tim Kliever of Hillsboro, Kan., following a sailboarding accident. Details of the rescue were previously reported in the *Tulsa District Record*. Holt said, "The rescue would not have been possible without the Tulsa District's Emergency Vessel Operations Course, Boston Whaler capability, and the project personnel's dedication to maintaining boat operator certification as well as vessel readiness."

An aerial shot provides a view of the active work site, the existing spillway, surge tank in the distance, and a pleasant orientation of the lake in relation to it all.



Aaron Goldner

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at an elevation of 632.0 feet, which is the lake's normal pool level.

The total project consists of two phases. Phase I deals with the relocation of water, power, and telephone lines. Thus far, timber has been cleared from the hill top, sections of rock and earth blasted, and removed. This operation will continue to a depth well below the lake's normal pool elevation. A batch plant has been erected on site to supply the concrete to build the new structure. The entire construction process will involve tens of thousands of tons of steel, earth, and concrete. The construction period for Phase I is scheduled to last as long as four years, after which Phase II will begin. It will involve paving the new roadway and building the approach channel from the new spillway to the lake.

About the Lake

Lake Tenkiller, nestled in the Cookson Hills, is enjoyed by an estimated 2.1 million visitors annually. It has one of only two trout streams in the state; the other is located at Broken Bow. The powerhouse at Tenkiller was the first in Tulsa District to be built with automated equipment for unattended remote operation.

The lake ranks third in the district for number of visitors and fees collected. It hosts more fishing tournaments annu-

ally than any other lake in Oklahoma, and it is ranked fourth in the nation by Rand McNally for lakeside retirement communities. Recently the Oklahoma Water Resources Board named Tenkiller as the best lake in the state for water clarity.

A vast 12,900 acres of clear water lake fed by two rivers, the Illinois and the Baron Fork, Tenkiller has 130 miles of scenic shoreline with rocky banks and bluffs above and below the water, some of which have drop-offs to a maximum depth of 165 feet. Various activities and amenities of the lake have been featured in major magazines, both state and national.

Staff members of the Tenkiller Lake Office have a deep appreciation of where they are and the beauty, recreational variety, and historical significance which surround them. They have a close



Peggy Massey

A D-8 dozer grades and shapes the pit floor. The keyway (footing) for the new structure will be excavated to an elevation well below 623 feet.



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The Ramhoe rock breaker is being serviced by the mechanic's truck. The pit wall is approximately 57 feet high as the excavated floor in this section of the pit nears its completed elevation. Approximately 183,000 cubic yards of rock are being excavated for the new Auxiliary Spillway site.

working relationship with the community, the Lake Tenkiller Association, the Tenkiller State Park, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, and other agencies, involving them in current activities and the future potential for development of the lake area.



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A view of the 10 tainter gates looking from the right side of the structure to its left. The somewhat downstream alignment of the new auxiliary spillway will afford motorists a vista of the old structure, the powerhouse, and the river as it meanders its way downstream, not visible in the past from Highway 100.

Past Facts

Tenkiller is steeped in the history of the Cherokee Nation. The Treaty of 1812 between the U.S. Government and the Western Cherokee Nation began the migration of the Cherokees to this eastern Oklahoma area where they established a settlement and capitol on the Illinois River just east of Gore. When members of the Eastern Cherokee Nation were driven from their homeland on the Trail of Tears in 1838-'39, the two nations were reunited and a capitol was established at Tahlequah. By decree of the U.S. Congress, the land was proclaimed "Cherokee Land."

Around 1820, George Gist, also known as "Sequoyah," a member of the Western Cherokee Nation who settled in the area, developed the Cherokee alphabet to facilitate written communication in their tribal language. Gist became a noted leader among his people and helped them create success out of extreme hardship. Located a few miles north of nearby Sallisaw are his historical home site and memorial.

Tenkiller Crossing, where the dam is located, is named for a famous Cherokee family and was a main travel route across the Illinois River in frontier times. Legend has it that in those early frontier days, soldiers from the nearby fort noticed a Cherokee Indian with ten notches on his bow. The soldiers referred to him as Tenkiller, which soon became his family name. The Tenkiller descendants sold the land to the government to build the dam in the area of the ferry crossing. The lake had its name – Tenkiller Ferry.

Terror and Heroics on the River

Peggy Massey, Public Affairs Office
Bob Vandegriff, Safety Office

Sixteen heroes and heroines who demonstrated extraordinary courage and strength in the near drowning disaster last July at W. D Mayo Lock & Dam were honored with life saving awards in Oklahoma City March 3 by the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers. The Safety Office called the successful rescue a miracle. If you don't believe it was a miracle, just ask the nine people who were rescued from drowning on that fateful day.

What could have been a multiple fatality accident became a defining event in the lives of both the rescued and the rescuers. It came down like this: At about 3:25 p.m. last July 17, two pontoon boats, one being drawn by the currents into a dangerous area due to a stalled motor, the other attempting to tow it in, inadvertently struck the tainter gates, plunging all passengers between the bottom of the lowering gates and the sills. It couldn't have happened at a worse time; the lock was releasing 126,000 cubic feet of water per second. The Coast Guard had issued small craft warnings. Corps signs of warning were posted at intervals along approaches to the dam.

The lock operator, Tom Dacus, immediately called for help, and people in boats all over the river responded.

Victims also helped victims. Janetta Varney could not be found. Then Craig Shive, who had been thrown from one of the boats, climbed onto a piece of floating wreckage and spotted her. But she went under water and did not resurface. Shive,

atop the wreckage, directed fellow victim, Riley Bennett, to the location where Varney went down. Fortunately, she was wearing a bright orange bathing suit, making her easier to locate. Bennett brought her to the surface, and, nearing exhaustion from repeated dives, managed to keep her there until Thomas Carr could reach her with a life jacket and boat cushion. Carr, a fireman, was Varney's brother and also a victim of a capsized vessel.

Varney was not breathing. With the victim in tow, both men swam to shore, where Carr began to administer CPR. An unknown boater called 911 and made arrangements for an ambulance to meet his boat with Varney, Bennett, and Carr at Kelly Park, Fort Smith, Ark. As they traveled, Carr continued performing CPR on Varney. She was taken to Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith for treatment and survived.

Meanwhile, Carr's wife, Sandra, was pulled from the water by Sheila Lunski. She and her husband, Gary, were on a boat captained by Odus and Dean Hill.

Bob and Nyoka Griffin, Glen and Lou Jackson, and Lonnie and Judy Rayburn pulled Sheila Dawson and Curtis and Misty Novak from the water. The Griffins had been the first boat on the scene immediately after the accident. By this time, their boat was overloaded. They transferred the survivors to the Sea-shell Express, captained by David Milligan and his wife, Shelly. They had been ten miles downstream when they heard about the accident and turned back to help. Milligan's passengers, Bob and Angie Dowdy, had assisted victims Craig Shive and Johnny Dawson to safety. Novak was transported to the hospital for treatment.

The real miracle here is that all nine who capsized survived, in addition to those who risked their lives in response to the call for help. Even some of the victims were able to help victims, none of whom were wearing life jackets and three of them did not know how to swim.



Peggy Massey

The Corps honored the brave rescuers who thwarted a near multiple fatality disaster at W.D. Mayo Lock & Dam 14 July 17. Also on hand for the ceremony were the survivors of the accident. Bottom row, left to right, are Gary Lunski, Odus Hill, Lou

Jackson, Misty Novak, Brenda Wyskup, Nyoka Griffin, Judy Rayburn, and Angie Dowdy. Top row, Sheila Lunski, Dean Hill, Sandy Carr, Thomas Carr, Riley Bennett, Jenetta Varney, Sheila Hawkins, Curtis Novak, David Milligan, and Bob Griffin.

Awards Presented at Women's Program

The annual Federal Womens Program was held March 15 with Col. Carla Coulson, Southwestern Division deputy commander, as guest speaker. Her lively talk on women in sports was well received by the audience.

A main ingredient of the annual program is the announcement of the Woman of the Year, the Administrative/Clerical Employee of the Year, and the Mentor of the Year.

Nominees for this year's awards were:

Woman of the Year: Judy Barker, Patricia Lutz, and Deborah Oswalt

Administrative/Clerical Employee of the Year: Jean Eberhardt, Margie Hamilton, Gloria Lowe, Becky Northern, Brande Serv, and Mitzi Sturdevant

Mentor of the Year: Edward Engelke, Richard Freeman, Paul Gray, Dan McPherson, Jay Jones, Bob Vandegriff, and James Vandergriff

Patricia Lutz was named as Woman of the Year. She is security officer in the Security/Law Enforcement Office, having advanced through the ranks to her present position. Active in her chosen career field, she has assisted women of abusive partners and encouraged counseling, directing the women and their families to the appropriate agencies. Lutz is well known for her responsiveness to the security needs of Corps employees. She has worked closely with Corps rangers in arranging security training and monitoring the quality of training they receive.

Brande Serner, administrative officer at Texoma Area Office, was chosen the Administrative/Clerical Employee of the



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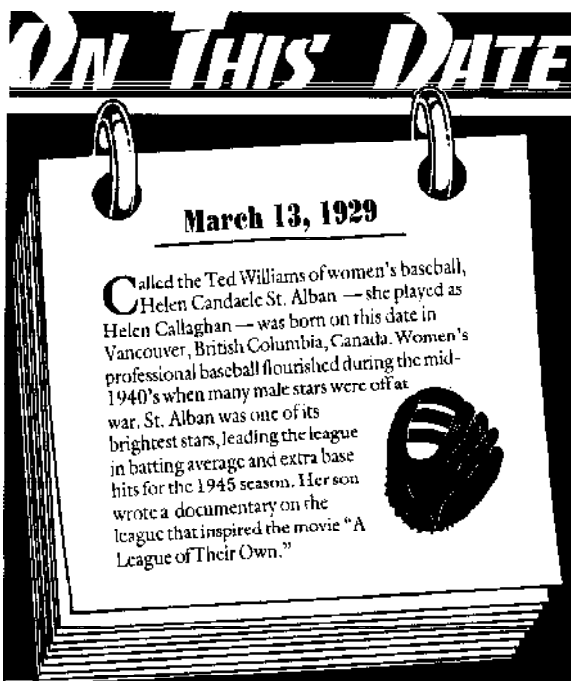
***The envelope, please.* Brande Serner, Jay Jones, and Patricia Lutz were chosen from this year's field of nominees as Administrative/Clerical Employee, Mentor, and Woman of the Year respectively.**

Year. She has distinguished herself as an independent and creative thinker, exercising sound judgment in her dealings with co-workers, management, and the public. A positive, caring attitude toward internal and external customers has marked her career.

Jay L. Jones III was chosen in the Mentor category. He is the area manager, Oologah Area Office, and has been instrumental in the advancement of employees, both men and women, with whom he works. Jones has mentored and encouraged many by pursuing training opportunities for them, making recommendations to them, actively seeking to upgrade their positions to more accurately reflect their duties, and rewarding their achievements.

Southwestern Power Administration's Federal Women's Program Committee judges both Woman of the Year and Administrative/Clerical Employee of the Year nominees. The Mentor of the Year nominees are judged by the Tulsa District's Federal Women's Program Committee.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners!



Angie Short

Dan McPherson, Operations Division, was one of the Mentor of the Year nominees. The Federal Women's Program Committee would like to apologize for failing to call him to the stage with the other nominees during the program.

Sailed Away for 90 Days (on Water, Safely)

Eugene Goff and Linda Nutt discuss the Corps national water safety program. Nutt is the water safety program manager, stationed in Walla Walla District where Goff recently completed a developmental assignment.



Courtesy of Walla Walla District

Park Ranger Eugene Goff, Big Hill Lake Office, has always focused on water safety, and he had a vision of participating in a developmental training assignment. Both those interests came together when he was offered a three-month appointment at the national level working with Lynda Nutt, the water safety program manager stationed at the Walla Walla, Wash., District. The assignment allowed Goff to facilitate and coordinate major issues to enhance the National Water Safety Program which was initiated during the early 1980s at Headquarters, USACE, and has been managed from Walla Walla District since 1994.

Nutt has been at the helm of the National Water Safety Products Advisory Committee since that time. This committee sets the stage for the field offices to receive educational materials for use at the grassroots level. Nutt works with an advisory committee made up of division representatives serving all Corps districts.

Goff hit the ground running in Walla Walla. He was tasked with working towards a partnership between the Corps and the U.S. Coast Guard to address commercial and recreational boating/vessel safety issues nationwide.

Nutt, Goff, and other division representatives spent a week in Washington, D.C., where the team briefed Operations Division staff members. The Corps field team met with the HQ chief of Information Management Office, distribution coordinator, and staff responsible for water safety products being provided to the field. The meeting allowed team members to discuss ways to improve the distribution of materials.

The team visited the depot and was briefed on the shipping process. The depot team is anxious to get the coloring books, safe passage videos, posters, and other products heading out to Corps employees to use to educate the public.

Goff helped Nutt update the Corps National Water Safety Website. The site – watersafety.usace.army.mil – is used by Corps offices nationwide to order educational materials. If all goes well, Goff's close work with the IM staff at Walla Walla District will eventually lead to having a web-based system for the entire ordering and shipping process.

The assignment also provided for a partnership meeting with the National American Red Cross. Goff headed up the meeting during which there was an excellent exchange of information. The discussion put the Corps and the Red Cross at the same table to share the working mechanics of each agency. Both groups are committed to efficiently spread the water safety message to reduce drownings.

This year, the Corps is scheduled to unveil a hypothermia poster to be distributed with the National Safe Boating Week materials. This effort was made possible by Goff working closely with Virgil Chambers, executive director, National Safe Boating Council. The poster will display both the Corps and the National Safe Boating Council logos with website addresses.

The national committee has also been working on the Corps marketing film. Goff coordinated the final filming footage needed, and was on hand to help edit the video footage prior to final production. The video will be made

available to the Corps offices across the U.S. and will be useful when working with potential partners to share business goals and safety success stories.

Goff coordinated a complex callout to gather data needed to address safety issues involving recreational and commercial vessels sharing the same waterways. The callout generated more than 100 comments. He made headway for the Corps to successfully encourage several user groups to become actively involved nationwide to help eliminate the near misses that are routinely occurring on the waterways. This project is ongoing, with a summary of findings and potential solutions to be presented during the International Boating and Water Safety Summit this April in Las Vegas, Nev.



From the Security Office

1. When an event is scheduled in room 210, the person(s) responsible for securing the room is also responsible to make sure someone is posted at the door to allow expected visitors into the area.
2. Card-key doors, areas restricted to the public, are not to be propped open and left unattended at any time.
3. Arrangements should be made, to include notifying the security guards, in advance of the event.

Continuing an Army Tradition at the Science Fair

The Department of the Army through the U.S. Army Research Office has been sponsoring special awards in science and engineering fairs across the United States since 1960. Continuing that tradition, Col. Leonardo Flor and Pete Navesky, PPMD, presented Army awards at the annual Science Fair program Sunday, March 12, at the Tulsa Community College.

Lt. Col. Bob Gaddis led a team of district judges consisting of Glenna Wheatley and Frank Roth of E&C and Laura Long, Internal Review.

Eligible participants were high school students from freshmen through senior years. Each winner received a Certificate of Achievement signed by Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and a U.S. Army Science Fair backpack.

Awards were presented in six categories: team; engineering; math and computer science; environmental sciences including earth, space, and environmental; life sciences including behavioral and social science, botany, medicine and health, microbiology, and zoology; and, physical science including biochemistry, chemistry and physics.

The overall Army Science Fair award winner was Angela Aeny, a sophomore at Victory Christian School. In addition to the certificate backpack, she received the U.S. Army Bronze Science and Engineering Excellence Medallion.

Several Programs Note Black History Month



Eddie Faye Gates



Spring Dangerfield-Williams presents "Ain't I a Woman?"

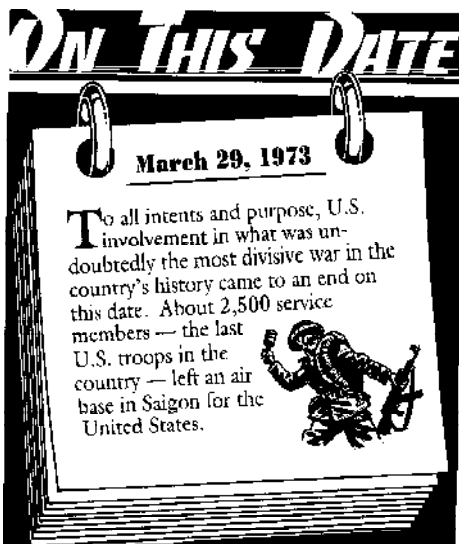
Lisa Samilton
Black Employee Program Committee

Black History Month was celebrated with a variety of activities. It began with little-known black history facts presented each day via e-mail. The Black Employee Program Committee sponsored several brown bag lunches. Programs at the lunches included the showing of a documentary, "Front Line - A Class Divided;" State Farm's presentation of dos and don'ts when preparing scannable resumes; and St. Francis' presentation on diabetes and heart disease.

The month came to a close with the Black History Program which was held Feb. 29 with Eddie Faye Gates as guest speaker. She spoke on the subjects of Diversity and the Tulsa Race Riots. Gates, the author of "Miss Lucy Cookies" and "They Came Searching," talked eloquently about serving on the Oklahoma Race Riot Commission for the Tulsa race riots.

Spring Dangerfield-Williams, our entertainment, was powerful in her dramatic interpretation of "Ain't I a Woman?" originated by Sojourner Truth.

The program was followed by a catered lunch. The lunches and the program were sponsored and coordinated in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service.



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Meeting Calendar

<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Apr 18	Corps of Engineers HQ	Watershed Management
May 23-24	White Hawk Golf Course Southern Hills Marriott Small Business Fair, and District	SAME Open Scholarship Invitational Golf Tournament, Engineer Panel
Jun 20	Corps of Engineers HQ	Joint meeting with FEA Remedial Technologies HTRW
Jul 12	OneOK Cafeteria	Joint PMI/SAME meeting



Courtesy Canton Lake Office

Canton Lake Park Ranger Ray Robertson visits with a first-time camper. Robertson was named Customer Care Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter, FY 99.

Customer Care Winner Named

Ray Robertson has been named the Customer Care Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter, FY99. Robertson is a park ranger at Canton Lake.

His customer care attitude has been noticed and commented on by many lake visitors, local school representatives, and fellow rangers. He was nominated by Debbie Chaloupek, another Canton Lake park ranger.

In one incident this past fall, a four-year-old boy was hurt while visiting the lake for a family reunion, and Robertson was a help to the family. He returned later in the afternoon with water safety gear and visited with the more than 30 children at the reunion, cautioning them to never swim alone. The injured child's father, Tom Hagg, wrote, "... Mr. Robertson is the nicest park ranger we have ever encountered. He was professional and extremely helpful. ... He is an asset to your department."

... Spotlight

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Gaddis, Glenna Wheatley, Frank Roth, and Laura Long were judges at the competition. They gladly gave up part of their weekend for the benefit of the area's high school students. This is another excellent example of how district employees carry out our public responsibility and corporate citizenship.

The Mingo Creek Team is receiving yet another recognition, this time as honorable mention in the Chief's 2000 Environmental Design Team of the Year. "The awards committee nominates for special recognition the four honor award recipients who utilized in-house design staff. These teams executed excellent designs, research, and professional work.

These works are recognized for their significant contributions to design excellence and for the credit they bring to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers." This significant award puts our effort among the top five in the nation.

It is also appropriate to congratulate Fort Worth District for having the team that won the top prize and Galveston for also receiving an honorable mention. This makes three of five in Southwestern Division. *Hooah!*

We held our Newcomers Briefing in conjunction with the March 14 Town Hall Meeting. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of **Lt. Col. Mike Norton** and **his committee**, the 33 employees who attended know better about the important mission of the district and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and how they contribute to this mission. Our next briefing will be in conjunction with our Corps Day Town Hall meeting in June.

Also at the March Town Hall, **Sandi Egan, Susan Trussell, Ron Scott, Hank Iarruso, Pam Kelly, John Sturges, John Wagner, and Capt. Ivan Beckman** received awards. We also viewed a video of Lt. Gen. Ballard's and Dr. Westphal's (Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works) testimony to the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Feb 24. In this testimony, both men clearly explained why recent *Washington Post* articles about Corps navigation projects and "growing the Corps" are unfounded. The tape also shows the high regard most of our senators and congressmen have for the Corps, contrary to the *Post* accounts about the testimony.

Indeed, we have a lot to be proud about. Most of the citizens we serve recognize us as a "values-based organization – Respected, Responsive, and Reliable."

Essayons!

From the Mailbox



To Jim Randolph, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division, from Dr. L. W. Canter, Sun Company Chair of Ground Water Hydrology, George Lynn Cross Research Professor, and Director, Environmental and Ground Water Institute, University of Oklahoma:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you for hosting myself and the two visitors from Beijing, China, on Feb. 22, 2000. Mr. Zhang Hui and Mr. Tianwei Li are associated with the Appraisal Center for Environment and Engineering of the State Environmental Protection Administration in Beijing. They appreciated the information that you and your colleagues provided and were quite interested in how the Corps of Engineers conducts studies related to the environmental impacts of water resources projects.

I would also ask that you express my appreciation to Dr. Ed Rossman, Ms. Marilyn Hoover, David Combs, and David Steele for their participation or assistance in conjunction with this visit.

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Information supplied by Maggie
Hellwege, EEO Office

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Hello

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Goodbye

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Join us for the
Year 2000 Retiree Breakfast
Thurs., April 27, 8:00 a.m.
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Tulsa, Okla.

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Door
Prizes!

Family Additions

Kallie Henry, born Jan. 24, 2000 – daughter of Tom and Shelly Henry. Tom works at Eufaula powerhouse.

Congrats, Corbin

Corbin Francis, son of Office of Counsel Attorney Keith Francis, was recently awarded the first schoolwide Character Counts! Outstanding Character Award at Brassfield Elementary School in Bixby.

The purpose of the Character Counts! program is “to fortify the lives of America’s young people with consensus ethical values called the Six Pillars of Character. These values, which transcend divisions of race, creed, politics, gender and wealth, are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.”

Corbin is in the fifth grade, and the award was presented on Feb. 10, his 11th birthday.

Condolences

To Brenda Randolph, Real Estate Division, on the Feb. 4 death of her mother, Minnie Shaddox.

To David Mosley, Information Management Office, Support Services Branch, and the death of his father, Gecolar “Jack” Mosley.

To Barbara Cravens, Public Affairs Office, on the Feb. 15 death of her father, Lowell Cravens.

To Tad Pattison, O&M worker at Council Grove Lake, on the Feb. 22 death of his father, Dale Pattison.

To Jewell Swift, RMO/PPMD, on the Feb. 27 death of her mother, Opal Bradshaw.

To Patty Smith, Canton Lake Office, on the March 2 death of her father, Gene Roach.

To family and friends of Ed Lookabaugh who passed away March 12 at the age of 89. He retired from the Real Estate Division, Management and Disposal Branch.

To family and friends of Helen Geary who was a receptionist in the Public Affairs Office at the federal building. She passed away March 2 at age 93.

To Doug Booth, Tulsa Resident Office, on the deaths of his parents. On Jan. 11, his mother, Grace L. Booth, passed away. She had been a World War II veteran, serving as a nurse in London, England, during the blitz. On Feb. 10, Doug’s father, John W. Booth, Jr. passed away. He was also a World War II veteran who served in the Phillipines. He survived “The Corregidor Death March” and spent 36 months in a P.O.W. camp. He was the recipient of seven Purple Hearts, three Bronze Stars, and two Silver Stars.

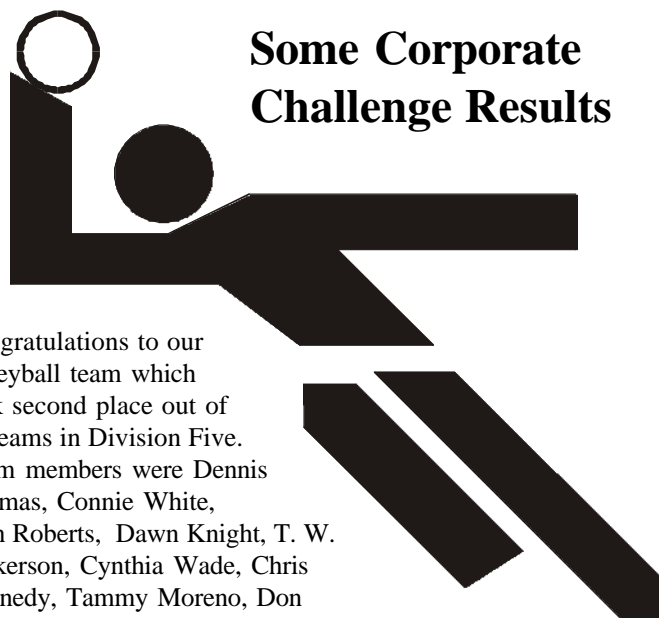
Corrections/Additions

The floating bulkhead featured in the January/February issue of the *Tulsa District Record* was designed by the Benham Group, Tulsa, Okla.

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Congratulations to our volleyball team which took second place out of 42 teams in Division Five. Team members were Dennis Thomas, Connie White, John Roberts, Dawn Knight, T. W. Hickerson, Cynthia Wade, Chris Kennedy, Tammy Moreno, Don Wickersham, and Carole Freemeyer.

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It Really Is a Small World

Beth Sauls
Real Estate Division

Sometimes life seems like a story by Rod Serling. I knew my mother had worked for the government when I was a toddler during World War II, but I wasn't really aware of the particular agency. By the time I was old enough to be aware, I was too self involved, as children are, to ask about it. Then, I started working in the Tulsa District, Corps of Engineers.

Imagine my surprise when my mother said, "I worked there during the war." Of course, in my mother's generation, "the war" is WW II. Come to find out, she also worked in Real Estate, just as I do.

Did you know that they used to use heavily starched and glued linen to make the originals for blueprints and maps? Mother told me that when these were discarded, she would take them home, wash out the starch and glue, bleach out the ink, and make little blouses for me. She would embroider all sorts of small flowers on the collars and cuffs. She was recycling, before it became a buzzword. Back then, they called it "making do."

That isn't the only rather strange coincidence pertaining to working for the district. When I first started work here, I learned that three of the kids who lived on the same block as I did in the mid-1950s either had worked or were working for the district. Some of you might remember Sharon Johnson (she married Bert Sherrell not long ago), her sister Beverly Leland, and Jim Lasster. Talk about your small world!



The blouse that was a map. Beth is pictured here in a blouse made for her back when her mother was the family member working in Tulsa District's Real Estate Division.